

REMARKS

In the amendments above, Claims 1, 3, 4, 16-19, 23-26, 30, 41, 44, 45, and 47 have been amended, and new Claims 59 and 60 have been added, to more particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicants' invention. Also, an Abstract has been added, and the Specification has been amended.

The drawings have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a). The Examiner's attention as directed to the amendments above, where page 42 has been amended to include language regarding the embodiments of the invention set forth in Claims 52, 53, 55, and 56. Also, enclosed is a copy of Fig. 4B with a proposed correction in red. Approval to effect said correction is requested.

It is believed that the correction to Fig. 4B and the newly added paragraph overcome the objection under § 1.83(a).

An Abstract on a separate sheet is enclosed herewith.

It is believed that the amendments to pages 1, 10, and 39 above overcome the Examiner's objections due to informalities.

Claims 11, 13-15, and 43-45 have been objected to due to the Examiner's concern about the terminology "according to any one of claim 1" and "according to any one of claim 30". The Examiner's attention is directed to the amendments above, where appropriate amendments to the claims have been made.

Claims 52, 53, 55, and 56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as being non-enabling. Applicants submit that support for said claims can be found in the

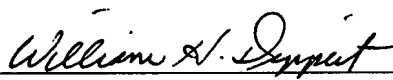
Specification at, for example, page 23, lines 6-10, and page 27, lines 9-14. Accordingly, said claims are enabling and the rejection under § 112 should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-26, 28-45, 47-51, and 58 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner's attention is directed to the amendments above wherein the claims have been amended to be more definite and to overcome the basis of this rejection.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his helpful comments and guidance as expressed in the Office Action. Should the application be in allowable condition except for minor matters that could be the subject of either a supplemental response by Applicants or an Examiner's Amendment, Applicants would appreciate the Examiner's contacting Applicants' undersigned attorney of record.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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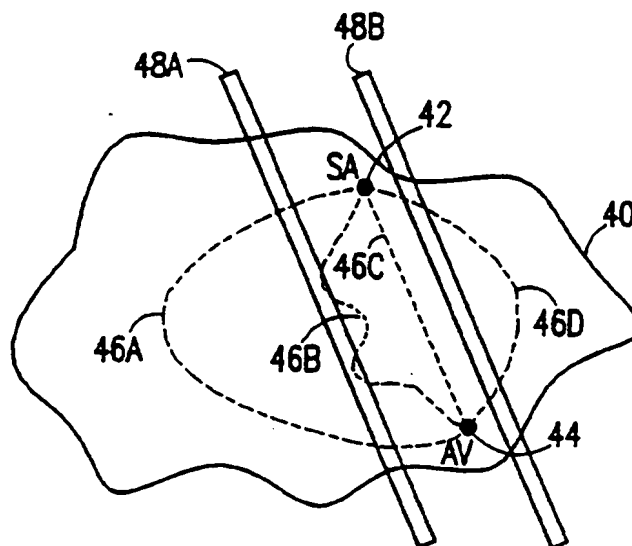


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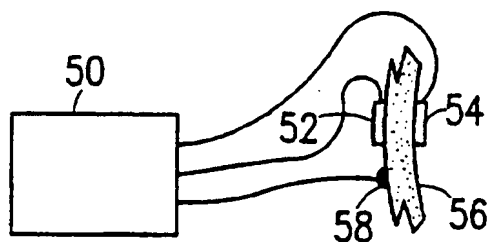


FIG. 4A

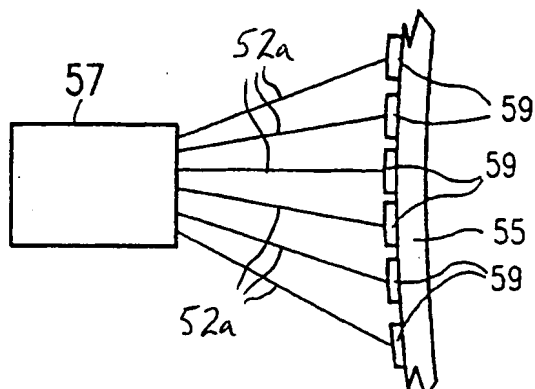


FIG. 4B